

WTH'S
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Constitution and
By-laws

Woman's Missionary Union

OF

Albemarle Presbytery

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1.

This Society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Union of Albemarle Presbytery.

ARTICLE 2.

The object of the Union shall be to stimulate, systematize, and unite the efforts made for missions by the women of this Presbytery.

ARTICLE 3.

It is the earnest wish and purpose of the organization to unite all women of the congregations of this Presbytery in missionary work. Co-operation according to this constitution shall therefore constitute membership.

ARTICLE 4.

The Union shall be under the care and direction of Albemarle Presbytery, to which it shall make an annual report, and it shall carry on its work through regularly constituted Presbyterial channels.

ARTICLE 5.

The officers of the Union shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Vice-President for each county, and a manager for the children's societies. They shall be chosen by a rising vote, and shall serve one year, or until successors are elected.

ARTICLE 6.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Presbyterial Union.

ARTICLE 7.

The Executive Committee shall meet once a year, or oftener, at the call of the President. Three shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 8.

The Union shall meet annually, at some place and time chosen at the last meeting, when reports shall be rendered, officers elected, and plans for future work considered. Each local Society shall be requested to send one delegate to this meeting.

ARTICLE 9.

The Executive Committee shall have power to call special meetings, have charge of the printing, and fill vacancies among the officers. The minutes of the actions of this committee shall be presented at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE 10.

The counsel and co-operation of the pastors and elders of the churches shall be sought when circumstances require.

ARTICLE 11.

It shall be the endeavor of every local society to diffuse missionary intelligence, to excite greater interest among women and children, to awaken and increase the spirit of individual consecration, and by all appropriate means to carry out the parting command of our Saviour, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." We recognize this command as equally binding upon us who tarry at home as upon those who consecrate their lives to the Master's service in the foreign field.

ARTICLE 12.

This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, subject to the approval of Albemarle Presbytery, notice of the intention to propose an alteration having been previously given.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. Every meeting of the Presbyterial and Auxiliary Societies shall be opened with devotional exercises.

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SEC. 2. The President shall preside at meetings, shall have a general oversight of the work, and as far as possible, visit or correspond with each society.

SEC. 3. The Vice-Presidents shall supervise the work in such districts as may be assigned them, and act in the absence of the President. In the absence of a Vice-President, any member of the society may be called to the chair.

SEC. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall receive all money sent by the several societies for printing and other incidental expenses, of which money she shall render an account at the annual meeting of the Union. She shall keep a roll of the societies constituting the Presbyterial Union, shall make an accurate record of each meeting of the Union, read the minutes of the preceding meeting, issue all notices, and prepare an annual report to be forwarded to Albemarle Presbytery.

SEC. 5. Since there are many expenses incident to the work, to meet which there must be a contingent fund, it is expected that each local society will contribute ten cents a year for each member.

SEC. 6. Each society shall appoint a committee, whose care it shall be to collect and distribute missionary intelligence, and such literature as will further intelligent interest in this great cause.